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In the Application of Dr. Oskar Wack

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following heading:

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--Background of the Invention--;

Page 1, line 17, please insert the following heading:

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--Summary of the Invention--.

On page 5, line 14, please insert the following heading:

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--Description of Preferred Embodiments--.

On page 8, at the bottom of the page, please insert the following paragraphs:

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--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document

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